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REMARKS

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth on pages 2 to 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 7 recites an antibody produced by hybridoma HFE7A having the accession number FERM BP-5828.

Submitted concomitantly herewith is a DECLARATION OF MICROORGANISM DEPOSIT signed by Mr. Tetsuo TAKATO on April 10, 2003 for mouse-mouse hybridoma HFE7A (FERM BP-5828).